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Press Release

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60th Avenue NW (aka Western Avenue) from Tecumseh Road to Franklin Road will be opened to through traffic beginning July 6, 2012. Traffic will be allowed on one lane in each direction.

60th Avenue NW from Franklin Road to Indian Hills Road will be closed to through traffic at approximately 7:00 AM Monday, July 9, 2012, for approximately three (3) months. Traffic will be detoured to 48th Avenue NW along Franklin Road and Indian Hills Road. Signs will be placed accordingly to direct the traveling public.

The 60th Street NW Widening Project from Tecumseh Road to Indian Hills Road is a \$5.7 million street improvement project administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Norman. Construction of the project began on Monday, February 6, 2012. The prime contractor is Silverstar Construction of Moore, OK. The lead engineering design firm on the project is MacArthur and Associates of Oklahoma City.

Upon completion, 60th Avenue NW will be a 4-lane rural highway with paved shoulders. A new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of 60th Avenue NW and Indian Hills Road. Significant storm drainage improvements will also take place as part of this project including replacement of the Ten Mile Flat Creek bridge. Over the next two years, the City of Oklahoma City will make similar improvements to Western Avenue between Indian Hills Road and 134th Street (State Highway 37). When both projects are completed, five (5) miles of Western Avenue/60th Avenue NW will be improved to highway standards, thereby improving traffic flow and traffic safety in this part of Norman and Oklahoma City.

Additional questions may be directed to Mr. Scott Sturtz, City of Norman City Engineer, at (405)366-5350.

